various nationalised banks spread over one kilometre area in Parliament Street, New Delhi. Eight branches were found to be extending the facility. Two branches were not designated branches (non currency chests). As regards the remaining one branch, the matter has been suitably taken up with the Controlling Authorities concerned.

Loans to farmers in Andhra Pradesh

2654. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Central Government to issue instructions to the commercial banks to extend loans to farmers for taking up fresh crops;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has requested a credit flow in 2006-07 of Rs. 13,817.78 crores to 16 districts identified by Ministry of Agriculture which have reported maximum number of suicides by farmers.

Autonomy to NABARD

2655. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal pending with Government seeking full operational autonomy to NABARD;

(b) if so, any action initiated on that proposal;

(c) whether the NABARD employees association has submitted any alternative organizational study reports to the management; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to implement those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) Government of India has provided operational autonomy to NABARD by amending the relevant sections of the NABARD Act, 1981 in the year 2000. No proposal is